IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp having a quartz glass discharge vessel enclosing a discharge space with an ionizable filling, wherein a first electrode and a second electrode are present between which a discharge is maintained during lamp operation, wherein a first seal incorporates a first internal electrical conductor which connects the first electrode to a first external electrical conductor extending from the seal to the exterior, wherein said first seal further incorporates a gas-filled cavity which is at least partially surrounded by an external capacitive body, characterized in that said external capacitive body is electrically isolated from the first and second electrodes.

2. (original) A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the external capacitive body comprises a wire which is wound around the seal.

3. (original) A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the external capacitive body comprises a resilient body which clamps itself partially around the seal.

4. (currently amended) A lamp as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the internal electrical conductor is a foil which extends through the cavity.

5. (currently amended) A lamp as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the gas filling of the cavity comprises mercury vapor.

6. (currently amended) A lamp assembly, wherein the lamp as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 1 to 5~~claim 1 is mounted in a holder of a lamp reflector, and wherein said capacitive body is at least partially mounted within said holder.

7. (original) A lamp assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein said lamp and said capacitive body are mounted in said holder by means of cement.

8. (currently amended) A lamp assembly as claimed in claim 6~~ or 7~~, wherein the electrodes of said lamp are connected to a resonance ignition system having a frequency of at least 50 kHz, preferably approximately 150 kHz.

9. (original) A method of manufacturing a high-pressure discharge lamp, whereby a quartz glass discharge vessel enclosing a discharge space is filled with an ionizable filling, whereby a first electrode and a second electrode are placed such that a discharge can be maintained during lamp operation, whereby a first seal is provided with a first internal electrical conductor which connects the first electrode to a first external electrical conductor extending from the seal to the exterior, and whereby said first seal is further provided with a gas-filled cavity which is at least partially surrounded by an external capacitive body, characterized in that said external capacitive body is electrically isolated from the first and second electrodes.